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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE PROCEDURES THE GON WOULD FOLLOW
IN EXTENDING THE PRESENCE OF ITS UNIFIL CONTINGENT WITH
TORBJORN CHRISTIANSEN, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, AND BJORNAR UTHEIM, MFA INTERNATIONAL OFFICE
DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER 6. BOTH UTHEIM AND CHRISTIANSEN
SAID THAT THEY ANTICIPATE ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM IN
OBTAINING CABINET APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION. THEY

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DID NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE FORMALLY RAISED IN THE
PARLIAMENT AGAIN ALTHOUGH, THE GON WOULD, AS IS THEIR
PRACTICE, CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH THE RELEVANT
STORTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2. UTHEIM, IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, COMMENTED TO
EMBOFF ON THE GOOD LUCK THE NORWEGIAN UNIFIL UNIT

HAD ENJOYED. TO DATE, HE SAID NO
NORWEGIAN SOLDIERS HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OR KILLED
BY HOSTILE FIRE. THIS WAS GOOD FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS,
ONE OF WHICH WAS THAT THE FIRST CASUALTIES WOULD, IN HIS
OPINION, STIMULATE CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OUTCRY AND DEBATE
ABOUT FUTURE NORWEGIAN INVOLVEMENT. THEREFORE, WHILE HE
ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEMS EXTENDING NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION,
IT WAS WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ALL CONTINUED CALM. EVEN
IF A PUBLIC REACTION OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF INCIDENTS,
HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD PREVAIL IN
THE SUBSEQUENT DEBATE.
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